

Montana earns Top Gun Award

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REDMOND, Ore. — Fourteen junior air rifle and air pistol shooters represented the Montana Rifle and Pistol Association at the 2006 NRA National Air Gun Championship in Redmond, Ore. July 4-9. Youth shooters earned their spots on the state air rifle and pistol teams at sectional matches held in February. In the sporter rifle event, the Montana Rifle and Pistol Association took the gold medal with a score of 4,257. The US Marine Corp Team from New Mexico's La Cueva High School placed second with 4195. The Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association placed third with 4119. **PJ Snider** from the Montana Rifle & Pistol Association placed first overall in sporter with a grand aggregate of 1087. Rustin Ault of the Preston High School Army JROTC Dept. team finished with 1086 for second place. Ryan Chavez of the Navy JROTC Area 9 took third place with 1080. Representing the Montana Sporter team were **PJ Snider from Bozeman**, Tempe Regin from Superior, Josie Evanson from Kalispell, and **Max Kinna from Belgrade**. **Brook Kinna, from Belgrade**, shot in the alternate position. In the individual awards, **Snider** brought home a first place overall, a first place medal for Match One and a third place medal for Match Two. Regin earned a third place medal in the Jr. division age group, an eighth place medal for Match One and a first place medal for Match Two. **Max Kinna** earned an eighth place medal and Emerson a 10th place medal in Match Two. **Snider**, Regin and **Max Kinna** all earned spots on the International Sporter Air Rifle Pistol Team. The Montana Air Pistol team brought home the bronze medal with a score of 2,060. Placing first and second were Massachusetts (2,075) and North Dakota (2,085) state teams. Representing Montana's Pistol Team were **Michelle Everett from Belgrade and Lauren Brester and Elisa Snider from Bozeman**. **Julie Kallenbach from Bozeman** was the alternate. Individually, **Brester** earned the silver in the Intermediate Jr. Division, and **Everett** earned a bronze. Representing Montana's Precision Air Rifle Team were Walker Quiram and Ryan Roark of Whitefish, Benn Kiljonen of Great Falls, and **Nicole McAdams of Belgrade**. **Everett** was the alternate. The precision team placed 11th. The Ohio, Washington, and Virginia teams placed first, second and third, respectively. Montana brought home the Top Gun Award for the third consecutive year. Top Gun is given to the state that has the highest total score in sporter, precision and pistol.

Gallatin County Impressive in National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports members will be remembered across the country for their outstanding showing at National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship held in Rapid City, South Dakota June 26-29. In a first ever appearance at the national shoot, Montana teams took home the gold medal in every event they entered which included air rifle, air pistol, and archery. As members of the winning teams, Gallatin County 4-H members, Lauren Brester, Elisa Snider, and PJ Snider each put up the nation's best individual scores. Michelle Everett of Belgrade placed 4th in the nation as an individual in .22 rifle. Congratulations on a great tournament.